

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE  
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(35) In the matter of CenturyTel – N2008.1.5 – On January 15, 2008, CenturyTel of Montana Inc. filed Transmittal No. 08-01, New Permanent Offerings of Local Tariff. The offerings are: Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus and Winback. On January 18, 2008, CenturyTel filed a replacement tariff page to revise the Winback offering in order to apply it to business customers as well as residential customers. The “Caller ID Extra” offering is available to residential customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Waiting ID and Call Forwarding for a package price of \$10.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The “Caller ID Plus” offering is available to residential customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Waiting ID, where available, for a package price of \$8.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. The third offering, “Winback” is available to residential and business customers who previously established service with another Local Exchange Carrier and who now wish to return to CenturyTel for Local Service. In this offering the Company will waive the applicable nonrecurring charges for each access line ordered. The Company requests an effective date of February 15, 2008, for this filing.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve CenturyTel’s Transmittal No. 08-01 in Docket N2008.1.5. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(36) In the matter of T-06.30.PCN – Michael A. Murray II dba Green Taxi, Missoula requests the waiver of 38.3.601(a) ARM, which requires that a carrier within 30 days of the issuance of an order granting authority, comply with all rules and regulations for the commission and the laws for the state of Montana. The 30 day period was up on February 1, 2008. The carrier requests a 15 day extension until February 18, 2008 in which to file the required liability insurance.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the waiver of 38.3.601. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(37) In the matter of T-08.1.RI – on December 28, 2007, U.G., Inc. dba Capitol Taxi, Helena MT PSC No. 2111, applied for a rate increase covering their passenger operations. These rates increases are between 5 and 21%. The application also included some modification of some existing zones. The rate increase was noticed to the public on January 3, 2008 and no protests were received.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the rate increase as applied for. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(38) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 28, 2008:

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 28, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(39) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.10.124 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – arbitration request (Alltel) – to consider 3 Rivers Motion for Protective Order:

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the protective order in D2007.10.124 as described by counsel. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(40) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.129 – Qwest Corporation and Telrite Corporation – Interconnection Agreement:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2007.11.129. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(41) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.132 - Qwest Corporation and NOS Communication, Inc.:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2007.11.132. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(42) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.133 – Qwest Corporation and Utility Telephone, Inc.:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement in D2007.11.133. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(43) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.134 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana LP dba Verizon Wireless:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement in D2007.11.134. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(44) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.135 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana L.P. dba Verizon Wireless:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the interconnection agreement in D2007.11.135. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(45) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates:

Commissioner Mood moved to authorize staff to set a hearing date as soon as practicable after March 24, 2008. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(46) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.11.131 – Whitehall Wind – Complaint against NWE:

Commissioner Molnar moved to deny NWE's motion to dismiss. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Toole moved to deny NWE's motion for a more definite statement and that NWE reply by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(47) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the out-of-state travel requests for (1) Brian DeKiep, Organization of MISO States Midwest Demand Response Resource Initiative work group, March 7, Chicago; and (2) Bryan Baldwin, Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) and Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body meetings, April 2-4, San Diego. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(48) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of T-06.30.PCN –Seeking Taxicab Authority/Missoula – to consider Applicant's Motion for Reconsideration:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to deny the motion for reconsideration and issue the order as drafted by staff. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

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